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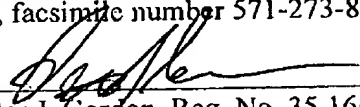
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REPLY AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 1, 2005, the Applicant submits this Reply.

Applicant hereby petitions for a **one-month extension of time** to submit this Reply.

A **Request for Continued Examination** accompanies this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 2, of which the **Conclusion** is on page 4.

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